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For: LASER SCANNING MICROSCOPE WITH A NON-DESCANNED DETECTION AND/OR OBSERVATION BEAM PATH

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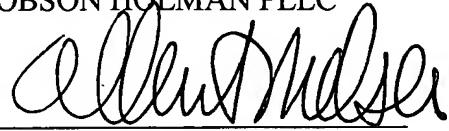
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